



Bar Hill Parish Council
Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee Meeting
at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Parish Council Office,
Hanover Close, Bar Hill, CB23 8EH
on Tuesday 26 September 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: A Mitchell – Chairman (AM)
G Tamulonis – Vice Chairman (GT)
B Waters – Councillor (BW)

In attendance: M Cox (RFO)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.05 pm

FP046.23 To receive and accept apologies for absence
B Howard – Councillor

FP047.23 To receive any declarations of interest
Farmhouse Lease – RFO

FP048.23 To note any new dispensations granted – none

Resolved to move agenda item RP053.23
Proposed AM Seconded BW and approved

FP049.23 Minutes
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2023 be approved and signed as a true record and to confirm the agenda of the same date.
Proposed GT Seconded BW and approved

FP050.23 To consider the policies and terms of reference Councillors wish to review for the next scheduled meeting of the committee.
AM – Advertising Policy
BW – Sale of Land Policy

FP051.23 To discuss and consider request for information from Councillors to the RFO in preparation for the next years precept.
After discussion the following suggestions were requested of the RFO:
1) An inflation projection of 7% and 10% be prepared
2) Village Maintenance increased by at least 15%
3) A Community Fund be set up for grants, donations etc to Village Organisation of at least £10,000
4) A Contingency Fund for unknown factors occurring
5) Suggested that 'Greenworks' be budgeted separately even if contracted together

The RFO thanked Councillors for their input.

The meeting was closed at 7.30pm

The meeting was reopened at 7.33pm

FP052.23 Exclusion of Press and Public
To consider whether under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the special and confidential nature of the business about to be transacted at Agenda Item FP053.23 and FP056.23 Farmhouse, Leases,



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Bar Hill Village Hall, Staffing Costs, it is advisable that the press and public be temporarily excluded from this meeting and they are herewith instructed to withdraw.

Proposed AM Seconded BW and **Resolved** to close the meeting at 7.35pm

FP054.23 Leases

FP054.23.1 Astroturf lease
Lease has been agreed and signed
Proposed BW Seconded GT and approved

FP054.23.2 Allotments Lease
A discussion was held
Resolved to amend lease to show insurance of £5 million as requested
Proposed AM Seconded BW and approved

FP055.23 Bar Hill Village Hall

There was a discussion about this item
Resolved that AM produce an information pack and list of questions to go to solicitors for clarification and the role of the Parish Council as nominal owner
Proposed AM Seconded BW and approved

FP056.23 Staffing Costs

A discussion was held
Resolved to advertise for a Parish Clerk and include growth and training opportunities in the advertisement

RFO left the meeting at 8.10 pm

FP053.23 Farmhouse

Recommendation made to accept determination of rent
Rent increased to £7179 from November 2022 – RPI for 2023 is 9.1%
Proposed rent will be £7833 per annum from 1 November 2023
Farmhouse lease will be for a period of 5 years
Proposed: BW Seconded: AM and approved

Meeting reopened to the public at 8:30 pm

FP057.23 Agenda items for next meeting

None

FP058.23 Date of next scheduled meeting: To be confirmed

Meeting closed at 8:40 pm

Signed.....Dated.....

Charman of Finance and Policy Committee